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Applicant: Mark V. Vandewalle

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Dave Willse

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 31, 2006, please consider the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.